

The Daily Courant.

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From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Jan. 4.

Buda, December 18.

A Numerous Body of the Rebels lyes within 3 Leagues of Pest. The Town of Gran or Strigonium has surrendered to them for want of Provisions. The Hussars garrison'd in it are all arriv'd here; but some Grenadiers that were of the same Garrison have joyn'd the Rebels. 'Tis reported Prince Eugene will shortly come hither.

Vienna, Dec. 22. The Levies are carried on with great Success throughout the Hereditary Countries. Some Battallions of the Regiment of Bagni pass'd by this City 3 days ago in their Way to Hungary; and on the 20th, 600 Men of the Danish Troops were embark'd to be sent down the Danube to Presbourg. These Troops will be follow'd by several others; and we learn from the Frontiers that there are 1000 Rascians ready to act against the Rebels, who will shortly be attack'd on all Sides. They write from the Leita, that the Baron d' Andlau, who commands the Militia drawn together to defend that River, has not been able to draw a Line to the Danube, as he was order'd, being hindred by the Rebels, who finding the Water low pass'd the Leita and levell'd his Intrenchments. The said Baron has put Garrisons into 20 Castles and fortified Places, to bridle the Rebels from making Excursions; and the like Care has been taken in Stiria, into which the Rebels threaten to make an Irruption. On the 18th they advanc'd to Stangen, and burnt several Houses and other Buildings belonging to General Palfi: Which spread such a terror all thereabouts, that those who are able are all up in Arms; and those that are not, fly out of the Country. The Rebels have shewn themselves in several Places on the Borders of Stiria, but finding 10000 of the Militia in Arms to receive them, they retir'd to wait a better Opportunity. Several Hungarian Lords, have resolv'd to levy in the Hereditary Countries and maintain some German Troops at their own Charge, to defend their Estates; which the Council of War has approv'd. They write from Presbourg, that on the 14th, the Governor of Altsol arriv'd there, and reported that his Garrison, consisting of 400 Men had revolted, but yet he capitulated to march out with 300 Men, which he conducted to Gran; but that the rest declar'd for the Rebels, and deliver'd up the Place to them, in which were 30 Pieces of Cannon, and all the Baggage of the Regiments of Schlick and la Tour.

From the Upper Austria, Dec. 25. We receiv'd Advice by the last Letters from Hungary, that 15000 Rascians and Croats are drawn together near Esbeck, in order to march against Ragotski; whereupon that Prince has sent Order to Count Berezeni to retire back over the Wraag near the Tibiscus, and to leave Count Caroli with some Troops in the Neighbourhood of Presburg. We are not without Hopes, that the Prudence and Credit of Prince Eugene will reestablish the Tranquility of Hungary; General Palfi is gone with a secret Commission from his Highness to Count Caroli, who is a gallant Soldier, to endeavour to disengage him from the Party of the Rebels.

From the Amst. Gaz. and Cour. of Jan. 3, & 4.

From the Danube, Dec. 27. The Garrison of Ausburg consists at present of 17 Battallions and 2 Regiments of Horse, all French. They are quarter'd upon the Burghers, the meanest of which has 5 or 6 in his House. Besides Lodging, they are oblig'd to furnish each Soldier daily, a Pound of Meat, 2 Quarts of Beer, and a Pound and a half of Bread. Some Letters say, no Drink but Wine, and no Bread but White, will go down with their nice Guests; So that the Burghers of a middle rank are at 20 or 30, and the richer at 100 Rixdollars expence Weekly; and yet, the insolent Soldiers make them lye upon Straw, while they sleep in their Beds. Several Burghers, not being able to endure such contumelious oppression, have left their Dwellings and Goods, and by stealth quitted the Town. The Bavarian Troops are marching towards the Inn.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 3.

Frankfort, Dec. 30. General Bibra late Governor of Ausburg is arriv'd at Aschaffembourg, the Place of residence at present of the Prince of Baden. A Body of French Troops having laid Siege to Kirn, have possess'd themselves of the Town, and taken 4 Companies of Imperialists Prisoners of War: But the Castle defends it self still.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Jan. 5.

Cologne, Jan. 1. On Advice that 12 or 15000 French are drawing together about Bloemendal, this Place, as also Bonn and Rhinfeld, are putting into the best posture of Defence they are capable of, and reinforcements of Troops are expect'd both here and at Bonn. Our ordinary Guard of Soldiers and Burghers is already doubled, and more Cannon planted on the Walls: And if the Enemy approach, all suspicious Persons and French men will be expell'd the City, as such are already out of Bonn. The Elector Palatine is set out from Dusseldorp for Mentz, whence 'tis said, he will proceed to Vienna.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 3.

From the Camp of the Count de Noyelles at Hanef, Dec. 29. The 26th at 6 in the Evening, the Count de Noyelles march'd out of Liege with a Detachment of his Garrison, and after a Halt of 2 or 3 Hours at some distance from thence, continued his March notwithstanding the Darkeness of the Night and a thick Fog, and near Famine joyn'd a Body of Troops drawn out of Maestricht, Viser, Ruremonde, and divers other Places. The 28th betimes in the Morning, we march'd to the Enemies Lines, between the Villages of Wassege and Meerdorp, in number 13500 Men, besides 1000 of the Garrison of Huy who were advanc'd before us under the command of the Baron de Trogne Governor of that Place, and had already forc'd the Lines and taken Post in the Churchyard of Wassege, the French who guarded it being either taken or put to flight. We fell to work immediately to level the Lines, which was done effectually in less than 24 Hours from Wassege to Meerdorp, which is an extent of about a League and an half, notwithstanding the Ditch was 20 foot deep and 24 broad, and the Earth thrown up in form of a Wall proportionably high and thick. To day we are come hither in order for all the Troops

Troops to return into their respective Garrisons. This Expedition has extremely alarm'd the Enemy, the more because it was kept so secret that they had not the least Intelligence of it. The Marshal de Villeroy came in all haste on the 27th to Leeuwe from Brussels, with a small Body of Horse and Dragoons: And General Ximenes joy'd him with the Garrisons of the Places lying between the Sambre and the Maese; but as we are retiring into our Garrisons, we believe the Enemy will do the like; the Season being unfit for repairing their Lines.

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Hague, Jan. 2. Yesterday their High Mightinesses receiv'd an Express, with Advice, that the Count de Noyelles having demolish'd a League and a half of the Enemies Lines near Wassége, had thought fit to retire, his Troops having taken Bread with them but for 4 Days; but he has brought away several Hostages, to oblige some Places to pay Contributions who paid none the last Summer. The Baron de Trogne is order'd to have an Eye to the Enemy, and fit Endeavours will be us'd to hinder their repairing the Lines. Letters from several Places in Dutch Brabant assure us, that the Marshal de Villeroy has drawn together a strong Body of Men near Antwerp, with Artillery and Ammunition; that 'tis generally reported the Enemies Design is to recover the New Fort of Doel, but 'tis thought their Preparations are too considerable for that, and are intended for some more important Enterprize.

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Paris, Dec. 24. The Marshal de Tallard did not arrive till the 20th at Versailles: The Duke of Burgundy being inform'd of his Arrival, made haste to meet him, and conducted him to the King, who receiv'd him very favourably. The 21st at 8 in the Morning the Duke of Berwick went Post from Versailles for Spain, accompanied by several Officers. Some say he is naturaliz'd and made a Marshal of France, but others say the Contrary. The Elector of Bavaria having taken Ausburg on the 16th, threatens next to attack Passau, and even to take Winter Quarters in Austria.

From the Paris Gazette a la Main, dated Dec. 26.

Paris, Dec. 26. The War, spreading very wide and growing daily more and more burdensome, causes an extreme decay of Trade and a great Scarcity of Money, which makes the People complain bitterly. But we flatter our selves that the ill condition of the Emperor's Affairs will soon restore Peace. 'Tis discours'd here, that the Malecontents in Hungary augment daily, and that Prince Ragotski will take upon him the Title of King. For some days past it has been talk'd, that a Negotiation is on foot to engage the Elector of Brandenburg to quit the grand Alliance and accept a Neutrality, in consideration of which he is to be acknowledg'd King of Prussia, and to be assisted in his Pretensions to the Inheritance of the late K. William. This Negotiation, 'tis pretended, is manag'd by the King of Sweden. What truth there is in these Reports Time will discover. Orders are given for the Recruits to be ready next Month. The Preparations on the Moselle are made with a further View than the Siege of Kirn, particularly 'tis said we shall Bombard Cologne.

Hague, Jan. 12. Letters just arriv'd from Germany assure us, that Mr. Hill and Mr. Vander Meer, the Envoys of England and Holland, continue their Journey for Piemont; attended by 40 or 50 Officers who go to serve in that Country.

King'sale, Dec. 17. On Wednesday last arriv'd here Her Majesty's Ship Colchester from the West-Indies. She is now repairing some Damage received in her Voyage, and will be soon ready to Sail with what Ships are in this Harbour for England.

Plymouth, Dec. 24. Here remain in Port Her Majesty's Ships Grafton, Winchester, Canterbury, Swift-

sure, Poole, Hampton Court, Bedford, Gloucester, Falmouth, Ruby, Monk, Nonesuch, Rupert, Mermaid, Griffin and Lightning Fireships, with about 30 English Merchant Ships, and about 60 Dutch from Lisbon and St. Ubes, and 4 of London from Virginia, and several Ships for Lisbon, and one from Barbary.

Yarmouth, Dec. 24. This Morning appear'd on the back of the Sands the Fleet from Holland, 12 of which belong to this Town, who came over under the Scotch Convoy; which leaving them before they got into the Roads, an Ostend Privateer of 10 Guns and about 60 Men, fell in with them and took a Hoy, a Shallop and a Ketch, the 2 last belonging to this place; and it being little Wind the Men of War sent their Boats after the Ketch and retook her, with only a little Boy and one French Man on Board; 5 other Ostenders or Frenchmen which were in the said Ketch, when they saw they were like to be retaken, got into the Ketches Boat, but the Men of Wars Boats soon came up with them and took them; The Master of the Ketch is on Board the Privateer, and the Hoy and the Shallop are gone to the Southward. The rest are come into the Roads, and some into the Harbour.

London, Dec. 28. On Sunday the King of Spain arriv'd at Spithead; from whence His Majesty came to Petworth, and will be to day at Windsor.

Sir Stafford Fairborne is at Gottenburg; Whence he is expected home in a few Days; Some Merchant Ships will take the benefit of his Convoy from thence.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Tuesday being the 28th of December, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *Tunbridge-Walks*, or, *The Yeoman of Kent*, with Singing and Dancing; and to Morrow, will be Reviv'd a Comedy (not Acted there these Twelve Years) call'd, *The Squire of Alsatia*.

LOst on Sunday the 26th Instant at Night, betwixt Gravel-Lane in Hounsditch and Lemmon-street in Goodman's-Fields, a Sable Tipper, the middle part lin'd with black, (suppos'd to be left in a Hackney-Coach) if offer'd to Sale, you are desir'd to stop it, and give notice to Mr. Jenkins Banker at the King's-Head in Lombard-street, and you shall have a Guiney Reward.

A Tall black Negro Man, his Face full of Pock-holes, a cast with his Eyes, wears a short black Wigg, calls his Name *William Nicholas*, went away from John Terrill, living at the Bell at Bell-Wharffe in Lower Shadwell: Whoever will Secure him for the said Terrill, shall have a Guiney Reward and Charges allowed them.

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